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The moose makes himself at home as he mingled with the herd of cows at the Toye farm north of Minden.

Moose drops by for Holiday visit

by Matthew Sitler

Minden farmer Ian Toye first met his six-foot-high visitor three weeks ago to the day, during its first visit to the cow shed.

Now Toye is wondering whether the young, but large, bull moose has taken up permanent residence at his farm on Bobcaygeon Road north of Minden.

The Minden resident has lived on his property for six years, and says he has never witnessed a bull moose enter the cattle feeding area with the nonchalance of this one. "The first time it came, it went right into the cattle shed," he told *The Times*. The animal re-appeared on Tuesday, January 2.

The first time he spotted the moose it was sporting a pair of antlers. The appendages have since been shed.

Toye said it has been novel to see the moose in such close proximity to his house. "I don't think it's here for food. It might be because some of my cows are in heat," he said, adding "A little calf of mine is going right up close, taking runs at it - I don't know if it's aware of what it's getting into."

Toye said that the bull moose has been nose-to-nose with one of his own bulls but nothing came of the encounter. "It's quite the sight," he said.

Minden Hills council members take office

Council is officially in session.

Members of the new council of Minden Hills were sworn-in Friday at the council chambers in Minden.

Pastor Terry Wicks offered a prayer, while CAO Tammy McKelvey conducted the swearing-in ceremonies. Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney thanked the people in the packed council chambers for taking the time and interest to attend the inauguration. It was a sentiment echoed by the rest of the council members.

"On November 13 this council received a mandate for change," Rigney said. "It'll take time to make some of these changes, but they will be made."

Rigney said the new government of Minden Hills will be "open and transparent."

On the economic side, Rigney said, "I have had discussions with Canadian Tire and others and they definitely want to be in Minden on the Highway 35 corridor. They are committed to come here and we are committed to have it happen. That's the beginning of the spin-offs that can make a major change in our economy."

The planning by-laws are still in place for the three previous municipalities and Rigney said the new council will "work diligently to consolidate them so no matter where you live in Minden Hills, you will be treated the same. That is a priority."

Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon said the new council of Minden Hills "is going to work with this community to try and make things happen to see this community grow." He said the community has been stagnant for too long.

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SWORN-IN: The new council of Minden Hills was sworn in Friday. The members are, front row, left to right, Reeve Ross Rigney and Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon. Back row (l to r): Councillors Ron Buchanan, Bill Valentine, Peter Oyler and Ingram Wessell. Councillor Bill Obee was unble to attend the inauguration.

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Haliburton man dies in construction accident

by Matthew Sitler

The tragic death of Haliburton resident Richard George Elstone, 58, is being mourned across the County. The man died in a construction accident last week.

On the evening of Tuesday, January 2, Elstone went to the the site of a cottage, which is under construction on Reid Road, south of Kinmount. After entering a basement, which was covered to assist with the curing of the recently laid concrete blocks, he succumbed to the fumes from a heater that was being used in the enclosed basement.

"They had put a kerosene heater inside," said OPP Constable James Searle of the Kawartha OPP detachment. "There was also a gas generator used to power a fan - he was going to go over and make sure there was lots of fuel inside that generator."

Searle said that Elstone's wife phoned Richard's employer at Rodco Enterprises during the evening to enquire whether her husband was working overtime. "Well, apparently he wasn't supposed to be working that day at all," said Constable Searle. "So his boss went to check the site and went inside to find Mr. Elstone with his vital signs absent."

At 9 p.m., the police were called.

The body was taken to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre for a post mortem examination, where the cause of death was determined to be carbon monoxide poisoning.

The Ministry of Labour continues to investigate this matter. "I don't know the full extent of the ventilation at the site," commented Constable Searle who added that police have no idea how long Elstone was inside the enclosed basement before he passed out.

The funeral for the 58 year old man was held Saturday. He is survived by his wife Rhonda and his two children.

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New council takes over in Sherborne, Stanhope

by Matthew Sitler

An audible hum of excitement arose in the council chambers as Clerk Gerald Bain once again passed the gavel to Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

The inaugural ceremony, which was the final act in the marriage of the municipality of Stanhope with the municipality of Sherborne, McClintock, Livingstone, Lawrence and Nightingale, played itself out with congratulatory words of hope and vision. Bain addressed the nearly-packed public gallery, acknowledging the gathered throng full of local dignitaries and ratepayers alike. He said the newly-amalgamated township was pleased with, and welcomed their continued interest and support.

Turning to the newly-elected officials, who were seated for the first time around the council table, Bain congratulated them and wondered aloud about what the new municipality's future may bring. "I'm sure you will enjoy working together over the next three challenging years," he said.

Prior to any official business being conducted by the new Council, it was necessary for each member take the Declaration and Oath of Office. With bibles in their right hands they recited the lines with pride and solemnity. "We, Eleanor Harrison, Reeve-elect, Kerri Locke, Tom Gardner, Jim Hicks and Don Shortreed council members-elect, do promise and declare to truly, faithfully and impartially to the best of our knowledge and abilities, execute the duties of the office to which we were elected in this municipality," read Bain, to which each member responded their "I do's," and "I will's."

The working symbol of elected office (the gavel) was then presented to Reeve Eleanor Harrison by the clerk. Reverend Peter Walford-Davis then said the inaugural prayer. "Six townships, Lord, have now become one," he intoned. Speaking of the tasks which faced them, Walford-Davis prayed for wisdom and guidance. "We invoke your Holy presence, Lord, instilling within them (Council) an awareness of the daunting responsibilities that are now theirs."

Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed and Councillor Jim Hicks in a moment of quiet contemplation as the inaugural prayer is offered by Rev. Peter Walford-Davis.

Sherborne, Stanhope municipal council: from the left, standing, Councillors Tom Gardner, Kerri Locke, Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed and Councillor Jim Hicks. Seated, CAO Gerald Bain and Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

Reeve's inaugural speech

Standing to deliver the opening remarks of the new municipality, Harrison pledged to continue with commitment and vision the "sometimes not-easy" job of heading the council. "This is a historical moment," she announced. "Over one hundred years ago, we were one and we are one once again."

She said she was pleased and honoured to hold the position of Reeve within the municipality once again, and

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Council backs 2001 SnowFest celebration

Minden will have a winter celebration this year.

In one of its first acts as a new municipality, the council of Minden Hills has endorsed the efforts of Eric Beaulieu to organize a winter carnival in the community. To be held in conjunction with the county-wide WinterFest on February 3, the carnival will include traditional winter activities. Following on the warm weather which all but washed out last year's attempt at a winter celebration, Beaulieu has scheduled a number of indoor as well as outdoor events.

He took his plans to the new council Friday afternoon and received the endorsement, both in moral support and in financial backing.

Noting that the municipality of Dysart had provided a $1000 grant to the WinterFest Committee and that more than 70 Minden area merchants were already contributing $25 each to support the event, he said that he hoped the new municipality would provide similar backing and help with some of the logistics of the one day event.

Beaulieu pointed out that the Minden SnowFest would be held in conjunction with the county-wide WinterFest and would tie in with the promotional effort planned by that organization.

Lou Trepanier, who is heading up the WinterFest organization, said that the group has applied to the Chamber of Commerce for promotional dollars and expects to hear from the organization this week. He said the Minden plans dove-tail nicely with what is being planned elsewhere in the county for that weekend.

Reeve Ross Rigney questioned a portion of the request to close the Main Street between the CIBC corner and South Water Street, especially now that the hospital is located on the north side of the bridge. Beaulieu noted that even though the street would be closed to traffic, a clear access lane would be maintained through the area for emergency vehicles. He also said he would consult with emergency services about the plan.

The council agreed that the municipality would serve as bookkeeper for the event, so merchant contributions could be made through the township.

Asked by Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon if the Minden Business Association was involved in the event, Beaulieu said the MBA was currently going through some restructuring and so he had started organizing the event on his own.

McMahon endorsed the idea of a winter carnival, noting that the community had lost the income generated by the sled dog derby and the previous winter carnival. He suggested that SnowFest could help the community recoup those losses.

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Into the white continent

Minden high school students Ryan Sisson and Adam Bathe are currently taking part in a student exploration of Antarctica. The trip is being recorded on a website, where the students are encouraged to provide journal entries for the public to read. We have reproduced the observations of the two area students over the first ten days of the expedition on these pages and included some of the photos that appear on the website. (Anyone connected to the web can follow the progress of the students and send them email through the following link: www.studentsonice.sympatico.ca)

Students board the Russian ship at the city of Ushuaia at the southern tip of South America.

Adam Bathe:
Day Two: Thursday, December 28, 2000

Our adventure began in Toronto yesterday. After a restless night, the thin curtains did nothing to block the noise and lights of the bustling city. I got up at about 5:30 a.m. to organize my things - this turned out to be quite an arduous task as I had only one bag to carry all my clothes and equipment for the next two weeks.

Eventually, I finished and went downstairs where breakfast was being served. It was there that I first really got to meet Warwick Vincent, from Laval University in Quebec, and I must say that I found him fascinating. *(Editor's note: Vincent is professor of aquatic sciences and one of the scientists accompanying students on the trip.)* All of us at the table, enraptured, listened to the pearls that came forth from his mouth; stories of adventure and politics mixed with equal parts of humour and casual speech enlivened the conversation.

Shortly after breakfast we made our way to the airport. As a seasoned traveller, I found this next bit a wee bit tedious as the reality of travelling in a large group set in. Others had quite diverse reactions, ranging from melancholic boredom to sheer hysterical glee. Not even the hour-long wait in Customs could dampen their spirit. Eventually we found ourselves travelling at eight hundred kilometres an hour toward New York City.

Once in New York, we took a short bus ride from LaGuardia airport to JFK airport, where we waited for eight hours before our flight to Buenos Aires departed. For the first time, we were together as a group, so most of us spent our time getting to know our fellow expeditioners.

As our departure time rushed upon us, there was an odd mixture of fear and excitement passing through the group. Before too long we were again in the skies, this time on our way to Buenos Aires.

Our ten-hour flight was mostly uneventful, except for this one American man who kept shouting at people and one extreme bout of turbulence. Right at 8 a.m., we were greeted by the warm humid air of Argentina, which was quite a relief after the long hours of stale air.

One last time we passed through Customs and into Buenos Aires.

Ryan Sisson,
Day Two: Thursday December 28, 2000

We arrived at the airport in Buenos Aires this morning after an 11-hour plane ride. My family and friends will be happy to know that as I write this message, the temperature is 75 degrees F, and the skies are clear.

The flight was way too long; it's very hard to sleep when you have people on both sides of you and a plane that shakes periodically.

I must admit that it was worth it. Buenos Aires is one of the most beautiful cities I have ever seen. The trees and buildings are brilliant colors. The huge rubber trees I saw today reminded me of the potted one which sits in our house.

The streets are very congested, but it's hard to believe that there are 15 million people living here. Maria Jose, a guide with Marine Expeditions, showed us around the town.

We stopped at the famous Plaza de Mayo, which is a huge square outside the government buildings where the President works.

After shopping at several markets I found some great things: a llama statue (definitely one of a kind!); and an Argentine whistle. I'm still looking for the right silver jewellery for my sister.

Tonight we dine on fine Argentinian cuisine and we learn the 'Tango'. The trip is zooming by. Our two hour trip seemed like it was only half an hour.

I think my anxiety peaked yesterday when I had my first plane ride (don't worry Mom it was fine). We flew on a DC-9 Stretch Air Canada plane, which was incredibly small. I think it only held 75 passengers. There was one aisle and two seats on one side and three on the other. I was lucky enough to get a window seat. I inhaled an entire pack of LifeSavers as we departed. It was amazing to see the cloud formations extend the entire horizon. The clouds themselves made the sky appear to be a giant blanket of fluff. I have so much more to say, but the streets of Argentina are beckoning me. This is the trip of a lifetime and I don't want to miss a minute of it.

Ryan Sisson,
Day Four: Saturday, December 30, 2000

It's almost 11:30 p.m. Dusk hits fast. We had sunlight until around 11:00 p.m. The days are very long. I keep fighting the urge to sleep. I have to remind myself that this is the trip of a lifetime and I may never have the chance to travel here again.

Today was pretty amazing. It was like everything finally came together.

Ushuaia is said to be the southern most city in the world. It is bordered by the Andes Mountains and the ocean. The mountains were breathtaking. There is so much shape and movement in the valley and as you look higher everything gets simpler, thick tree stands followed by giant snow capped peaks.

This afternoon we toured the Tierra del Fuego National Park. The only way to get to the park is by the national road which runs all the way from Buenos Aires.

We went into the city afterwards and I had time to mail my postcards and buy some snacks. It was like a game when you are trying new food here because the item may look like something familiar but the contents are totally different.

After our brief tour we headed towards the pier. This is when it all gets interesting.

The ship, the Marine Discovery, is massive. It has around 7 decks and on most you can view the ocean. It was a breath-taking experience to see the ship for the first time. I started to shake as we boarded the ship. It was like all my excitement, which has been bottled up, was released.

I share a cabin with another student, Shane Hart, on the lower level. The cabins are pretty big in size.

I unpacked some of my clothes then went up to the cocktail party on the main deck. There was all kinds of food and drinks.

After Geoff welcomed us all aboard, we headed out to the decks to see the ship being cast off. It took a while for us to get out of the port. First the crew had to release the boarding plank and then a tugboat had to push the front of the ship around.

I had finally made it under the skies of Ushuaia and the Andes Mountains. We set sail down the Beagle Channel for Antarctica!

(Later)

I didn't get a chance to finish the journal I started last night because an opportunity arose. There is an "open-bridge" policy on the ship, which means most of the time you can go up onto the bridge to watch as the captain and crew navigate and steer our vessel. The bridge is closed off while we go through the Beagle Channel because the Argentine law says that a pilot must accompany the captain. Around 11:38 p.m. last night the pilot left our vessel and we exited the Beagle Channel. This meant we could to go onto the bridge.

There was a mass of buttons and knobs all in Russian - it was neat to see. The captain was asleep but the second mate and the helmsman answered any and all questions we had.

I headed to my cabin afterwards for what I thought would be a great sleep.

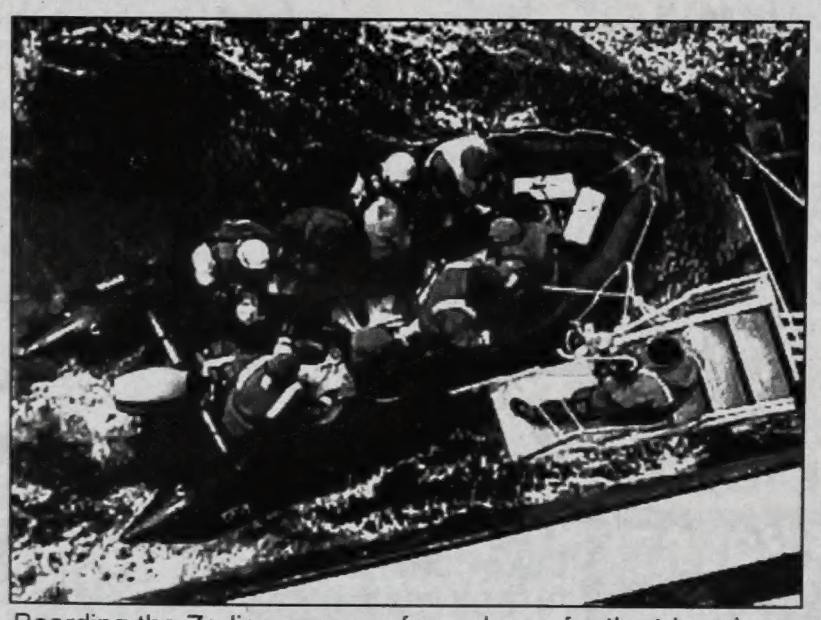
WRONG!!

Boy, was I wrong!.

We started our trip across the Drake Passage, the ship rolled and turned the whole night. The drawers in the night table came right out even though they were securely locked.

I slept in for breakfast and recently got up to try and eat lunch. It was not a pleasant experience. This morning we had gale force winds and it is almost impossible to walk on the ship. I guess this is the quickest way to earn our sea legs!

I put my motion sickness patch on and am waiting for it to kick in. I hope to be up and about for dinner and any other lectures we will be having.



Boarding the Zodiac, as seen from above, for the trip ashore, can be perilous in the surging sea.

Adam Bathe,
Day Five: Sunday, December, 31, 2000

I have come to the realization that there is more than one type of journey going on here; there is of course the literal movement of our selves towards the frozen south, and in a totally different way I can feel an altogether internal

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Into the white continent

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change intertwined with the physical. It is the shifting of paradigms, an event as upliftingly cataclysmic as the one that pushed the land up into the sky creating the magnificent Andes.

All around me, I can see people's minds stretching to accept totally foreign concepts and to adapt

Students on one of the island visits.

those of which had been preconceived. I must attribute this to the fact that we are in the company of some of the greatest examples of our nation's genius.

Consequently, I feel that it is my duty to portray the journey which I feel is much more important than that in the physical realm. I must also note that I would not talk so much about myself if there were anyone whom I knew as well. Unfortunately, I am confined by the individuality of this experience, but I will try to express how my fellow travelers are progressing as well as I can.

I had the pleasure of being able to speak with Adam, the camera guy, who turned out to be a remarkable person whose views closely parallel my own. *(Editor's note: Students on Ice has hired a camera crew to record the adventure.)* He had started by asking the usual interview questions; when, why and how... soon we found that we had a common interest in travelling and culture diving - the idea that one can gain the greatest amount of enjoyment on a trip such as this by immersing oneself in the culture of the host people - which we had not had much of a chance to indulge in, except for a couple of hours in Buenos Aires.

From this we moved into a discussion of different philosophies, another thing that we both have some interest in. It was during this conversation that I began to feel that there was something more to this trip than just the physical journey. Amidst ideas peppered with the words of Thoreau, Jesus, Plato, Rushdie and Guy Debord, we began to draw upon the idea that there is some aspect of the current consumer mindset that does not allow one to truly see the world as it is. Only through the frame of a view finder can these people conceive the world... pretty pictures and frivolous souvenirs are all that we (oops... Freudian slip!) they bring back.

We have to ask ourselves what kind of impact trips such as ours and the tourist group, which is in our vicinity, have on the very ecosystem that we have set out to learn more about. Of course it is a good thing that they would take an interest in such a place, but how can they be changed into the type who care enough to work to protect nature rather that consume it?

I suggested that one could borrow from the methods of Guy Debord, by creating a d'Ètournement to shock these people into opening their eyes. They should be confronted on their own ground, questioned and debated. *Forgive them for they know not what they do,* show them how to be a world eco-citizen, give them something to work for. Together we can make a better future.

Ryan Sisson, Day Six: Monday, January 1

Well, let me just say that yesterday was probably the best day of my life.

After lunch our group made its first Zodiac landing on an island called Aitcho. I was a bit nervous of the whole Zodiac experience, because I heard it can be quite a chore getting in and out of them.

One of the cool things about the Zodiacs (which were designed by Jacques Cousteau) is that they have seven separate air tanks, so if one or two are punctured then the craft will still stay afloat.

I learned the sailors handshake, which is a hand to wrist grip used in case one person accidentally lets go. Once you get to know the Zodiac and how to get on and off properly, the experience turns out to be quite rewarding.

From a distance, the island was very rigid and rough looking. There wasn't a lot of snow on the ground, either. It was mostly bare rubble.

From the ship, which was quite far away, it seemed as though the island contained several black dots. As you get closer, however, you begin to see penguins.

There weren't just a couple of penguins, we're talking hundreds, and thousands. All of the penguins were nesting in different spots. It was very hard not to run up and touch them, there are very strict guidelines that deal with the flora and fauna after the 60th parallel.

Gentoo penguins on Aitcho Island.

As visitors, we must stay at least 5 metres away from the wildlife at all times. Another guideline says not to tamper with the landscape or anything. "Take only memories and pictures, leave only footprints." With all of these guidelines in mind, I thought it would hinder my experience, although in retrospect I feel like it was enriched.

You gain a certain respect for the wildlife as you spend more time watching it in the natural habitat. When we finally landed on the island it was breathtaking. The smell of guano (penguin feces) was very strong. There were so many penguins, on cliffs, by the water, in the water, everywhere except the air (penguins don't fly). There were two types of penguins on the island, gentoo and chinstrap. They were so interesting because they just waddle and jump everywhere.

I took about two rolls of film, so I'll have lots of pictures to show to people when I get back. I sat very still in one spot, with my tripod and camera, with a 300 mm lens. As I was looking around I noticed a penguin coming closer to me. I sat very still, hoping that he would come right up to me (we must stay 5m away from the penguins, but *they* don't always follow the rules).

First the gentoo checked out my camera bag and then he came right around me and started to peck at my knee. It was the most exciting experience I've ever had with a wild animal.

After moving around to several other spots and snapping some pictures, I spotted Dr.Kathleen Conlon gathering her gear on shore. It turns out she was waiting for another Zodiac driver to take her around the bay for some plankton and benthic analysis. It was very definitely the opportunity of a lifetime, so I jumped on. As Kathy and I waited, Dr. Warwick Vincent, from the University of Laval (Quebec) came in from his UV analysis of the water.

It ended up he wanted to go out with us as well, so there I was having the trip of a lifetime, totally immersed in nature and working with two world class scientists. I assisted Dr. Conlon with her benthic sample, which was taken by dragging a small net behind the Zodiac. I had some previous experience with this, through Mr. Mowat at my high school. Our most important finds were a jellyfish and the amphipods. The types of organisms, and their quantity reflects how healthy the ecosystem is.

After the Zodiac ride, our New Year's Eve plans got underway. My horoscope group (Scorpio) had to make a toast or limerick at dinner. Ours was on the Drake Passage, which caused us so much trouble.

Afterwards, we all gathered in the lecture hall for our New Year's Eve talent show. I was in a skit called the "Doctor's Office", it was all improv. It was tons of fun, and other talented people performed for us.

Geoff Green played some Gordon Lightfoot songs on his guitar, and Patrick recited the first 250 numbers of pi. Olle Carlsson sang us a Swedish song, and the group had several sing songs to ring in the New Year. WELCOME 2001!!!!

A group of us visited the bridge last night to celebrate the New Year. We were in the middle of an iceberg field, and our route on radar looked impossible. We were definitely in iceberg alley. I spent the rest of the evening with Josh, Frances and Alex Boston (from the David Suzuki Foundation), we

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Editorial

Fresh start--new opportunities

Nowhere can one find more optimism per cubic metre than the first meeting of a new municipal council - the fresh start, the dreams of big changes, the clean slate. It is a heady time for those around the table and the rest of us peering over their collective shoulders.

The optimism is refreshing and catching. We couldn't help but share the vision of better things to come as the leaders of the new amalgamated municipalities addressed their respective inaugural meetings. To a certain extent, it is easy to be filled with optimism when embarking in an entirely new direction. While ghosts of the past may still lurk in the shadows, the promise of a brighter future grabs all the attention.

While some of the positive energy may only be temporary, we believe the time is right for bold new initiatives to move Haliburton County forward in a major way. There has been a number of significant investments in the area recently. The health care infrastructure has been updated, a major investment in the community college is about to take place and the transportation infrastructure is being improved. Private corporations have also indicated a strong interest in the area, Canadian Tire among them. All these initiatives lay the groundwork for better things to come.

That, most certainly, is why the community should be buoyed by the optimism of the municipal politicians as they begin their new term. The trick is to capitalize on the investments that have been made up to this point and use them to invigorate the community with the sense that things are going to be better.

We wish them well in their efforts.

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Letters

Christmas baskets are appreciated

Editor:

We are a family of six who moved into the area almost a year ago, and I will be the first to say that throughout this last year, we have hit a few rough patches.

Being a single income family, Christmas was one of those rough patches. I would like to take a moment right now and thank all the generous hearts, thoughtful souls and many merchants of the community who made the donations and helped out with the Christmas baskets. These baskets were made available to the families who were in need throughout the area. Ours was one of those families in need, and I can't thank all those who made it possible enough.

Because of the generosity of all of you, I was able to give my family a decent Christmas. This Christmas was made even more special because the true meaning of Christmas was what made it all happen.

I just want to let everyone who helped through the food and the toys, know that although it's not always said and probably not enough: this family really appreciated the thoughtfulness.

To all those who gave, thank you and please, continue giving when you can. You do make a difference in this community.

A family full of gratitude.

(Name withheld at the discretion of the editor.)

Santa lives here!

Editor:

Yes Virginia There is a Santa Claus:

He lives in the hearts of people like Carol Dewey of Teddy Time.

Her community generosity and the support she has given to many people says it all. Most of these things she does quietly with little thanks in return.

I personally thank her for the times she sent Ruggles to support my family during the tragic times. Her thoughtfulness of the Holy Bears to accompany Mom, and wee John on their journey home to God touched our family very deeply.

Thank you Carol, and to Ruggles. There are times we all need that special bear hug.

Jack and Mary Lawr,
Haliburton.

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This sign, set in place last week in front of the old Minden hospital, should help direct those unfamiliar with the community to the location of the new facility adjacent to Hyland Crest off Deep Bay Road. The municipality will also soon be erecting a trail of blue 'H' signs and arrows to guide people to the new location.

Remembering a special lady

Editor:

Dolly Lecraw was a very important person to the volunteer fire department in our small community of Norland. For many years she manned the fire phone for our department. Day or night, she was dedicated to this service. Even when we had social functions or fund raising events for our department, Dolly would stay at home, ever ready, should the fire phone ring.

When we upgraded to pagers the fire phones were no longer needed.

We will always remember the early years and the time and dedication Dolly gave to our fire department.

We lost Dolly just before Christmas, and to her family we extend our deepest sympathy. She will be greatly missed but always remembered as the special lady she was.

Fire Chief Don Logan and the Laxton Digby and Longford Fire Fighters

Arthur Black

A cut above

There was a fair bit of ink splashed around the newspapers last week regarding Mel Gibson's latest movie, What Women Want.

The movie reviewers are all hot and lathered because Mel is trying his hand at a new genre -romantic comedy a la Cary Grant and Spencer Tracy. They're excited because of Mel's on-camera performance - I'm excited because the papers carried pictures of Mel nuzzling his co-star, Helen Hunt - and guess what? Mel's got a real, honest-to-gosh, short-back-and-sides haircut. He's not wearing his trademark Mullet.

You know Mel's Mullet - his hairstyle. The one he wore in Braveheart and Lethal Weapon I through MCLXXIV. The one that looks like a wolverine died on the back of his neck.

The haircut is not exclusive to Mel. It is favoured by hockey players, good ol' Bubbas, virtually every steroid superstar in the WWF and pretty well anybody who drives a pickup with a rifle rack across the rear window.

Nobody knows exactly how the name 'mullet' came to be applied to this, the goofiest of hairstyles ever to be adopted by the male ego. After all, a mullet traditionally is a kind of bait fish, small and forgettable. Those are two adjectives that will never be applied to Mullet the hairstyle.

I've heard the Mullet called other names — Kentucky Waterfall, Mud Flap, Beaver Paddle, Ape Drape, Neck Blanket and Hockey Hair to name but a few.

The memorable Mullet sported by one-hit country crooner Billy Ray Cyrus led some cynics to dub the hairdo 'Achy Breaky Big Mistake-y' - but alas, the name never caught on.

Other famous Mulletheads?

Bon Jovi, David Bowie, Michael Jackson, Michael Bolton and my favourite - Larry 'Bud' Fortensky, famous only for having briefly performed stud service for Elizabeth Taylor. But I think Mel Gibson was far and away the most illustrious celebrity ever to sport the 'do, and now that he's given it up, methinks the Mullet is doomed to become a footnote in the annals of tonsorial excess.

It will go down to the hirsute netherworld, there to languish unlamented along with the Afro, the Brush Cut, the Beatles Shag, the Mohawk and the famous Elvisonian ducktail. Do I sound gleeful?

Well, maybe a tad. As a man who has long since lost the option of cultivating anything curly north of the eyebrows, save a scrawny horseshoe of furze, I derive great, if immature, pleasure in watching male foliage patterns come a cropper. It's not easy for bald guys you know. Even horseshoes of hair grow. I still have to go to the barber ever three weeks and fork over my fifteen bucks to watch him cut my hair in less time than it takes to clear your throat. I complained about it once. I sat waiting my turn, watching my barber shear a guy who looked like the missing link.

When he was finished, the floor looked like the aftermath of a sheep-shearing contest.

"That'll be $15" my barber told the guy. I climb into the chair, the barber makes about three cursory strafing passes at my head, shuts off the clippers. "That'll be $15" he tells me. "How come you charge me the same price for a haircut as that other guy? Shouldn't I get a discount?"

"I only charged you five bucks for cutting your hair" he says. "And ten dollars for searching for it."

Into the white continent

(from page 5)

talked about environmental politics and how teenagers can make a difference.

As I write this to you right now, I feel at home on the ship. I couldn't have asked for a better extended family.

Today we went to another Gourdin Island, we haven't actually set foot on the Antarctic continent's soil. I would be curious to know if anyone is actually reading this, so please send us your comments or questions.

Ryan Sisson, Day Seven: Tuesday, January 2

Today we will be very busy, we have already made two landings (Cuvervile Island and Neko Harbour). We are going to make a third stop at Paradise Bay (there is a Research Station from Chile there).

We split into two groups and half went to land while the others went on Zodiac cruises around the island. I was in the group that went to land first, there were many Gentoo's nesting everywhere.

Cuverille is surrounded by other islands, so it looked like we were in a bay of sorts. On all sides there were towering mountains. I still find the Gentoo very interesting to watch. I think it's because of the way that they waddle. (It reminds me of Grade One when I had to wear a very bulky snowsuit).

From where I was sitting I heard Dr. Kevin Hall say he saw a whale. Sure enough it was a Minke, I caught a quick glimpse of it and took two pictures before it disappeared into the glass-like ocean.

On our cruise we saw the "Iceberg Graveyard" which was full of icebergs which had run aground. I was actually able to see a penguin "roll" (which is when the iceberg's bottom comes to the surface). We saw some more seals enjoying life on an iceberg. Wow, if they can do it, so can I. I'd have to put on some weight first.

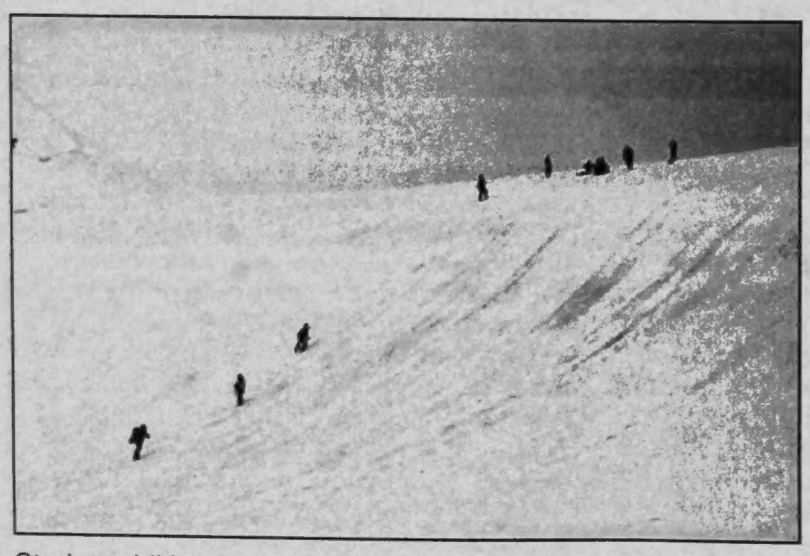
Fritz pointed out the lines on the iceberg which represent the various layers of accumulation. It's around 2:00 p.m., and I am very anxious to arrive at Neko Harbour. I hope we can get the chance to see a Humpback or Killer whale.

Ryan Sisson, Day Eight: Thursday, January 4, 2001

Yesterday, we landed at Neko Harbour just after lunch. This was our first mainland visit. Neko was the name of a whaling ship that cruised the waters of Antarctica.

There were several highlights from this particular visit. From land, we could see an old Argentinean refuge. A large Wendell seal, which was taking some sun, welcomed us. I was surprised how still it was (no, it wasn't dead). I observed the seal for several minutes, and even with all the noise of us shuffling around, it didn't budge.

After getting my picture taken, I climbed up the shore to the refuge. We were told that it was actually used several years ago when researchers had to take shelter from an oncoming storm.



Students hiking on the hills of Anarctica.

The refuge itself is incredibly small. There are several bunks, a heater, and rations (the basic needs for staying alive in Antarctica). Outside the hut, there are whale bones, an eerie reminder of the days gone by. The scenery is fantastic. There was a very large glacier "carving" nearby. Every couple of minutes, we would hear loud bangs that sounded like explosions. We were unable to see any ice fall.

I went up the trail behind the hut to the Gentoo rookery. Rumours were circulating that there was a lone Emperor penguin. Earlier, we heard over the radio that one had been spotted. This is very rare because the Emperors are found in East Antarctica where they nest. Our resident bird expert, Santiago *(Editor's note: Santiago Imberti, ornothologist) speculated that this juvenile penguin floated in on an ice floe and followed the Gentoos onto land.)*

After that excitement, I thought I'd try my luck at the world's best slide. This slide happens to be known as a glacier so, I must say, thinking about going down wasn't half as fun as actually doing it. On my way to the top, I stopped to see how Fritz *(Editor's note: Fritz Koerner, Canada's leading glaciologist)* and Wayne were making out with their ice samples. The equipment that glaciologists use to get ice samples looks very much like a hand auger, which can be used to drill a nice ice fishing hole.

The view from the top of the glacier is out of this world. It made me feel like I had finally reached my destination. The sight of snow-capped peaks is hard to swallow. It seems like you're watching something, but you are totally oblivious of what it is. Sliding down the glacier was just plain fun. I only wished I had brought my GT.

Our second stop of the day was at a Chilean base in Paradise Bay. I was expecting the base to be a bit bigger and more modern. Nesting Gentoos surrounded the base. I found it hard to believe that anyone could live there for longer than a month.

Inside is very home-like. There is a beautiful stereo system, as well as a television. There is a great watchtower above the base. I learned later that the base was inactive for a long period of time. When the Chilean Government decided to continue researching from Paradise Bay, the penguins took up residence. I guess you get used to the smell of guano or fish manure pretty fast here. We didn't end up eating supper until 10:00 p.m. or so. It was a really long day, but well worth it.

This morning I was very tired. I slept in for breakfast and almost didn't wake up for the Zodiac landing. We visited an area called Wordiee House, which was occupied by British researchers for several years. The site became very dilapidated over the past couple of years. Several Antarctic preservation groups brought it back to the condition of the 40's and 50's when it was used the most.

The base is quite impressive. It has a library with books from authors like Charles Dickens. There is a rather large kitchen and fair-sized bunks. I could only imagine that it was quite a comfortable place when it was in use. The Ukrainian base is in the same area as the old British base. Their base is called Vernadsky Station and is very modern. I must say that if I had to stay anywhere for an extended period of time, then it would be here.

The base itself is quite large. There are three large Volvo power and heat generators. This base has a huge generator, which converts salt water into suitable drinking water. This base is also home to the "Southernmost Gift Shop on Earth." Today, we are surrounded by blue skies. The Ukraines informed us that that the water temperature was about 4ºC(that is very good because today I hoped to become a member of the Antarctic swim team.)

We have several more landings underway. I am writing this journal to you at 11:45 p.m.. I hope everyone who reads this will send a comment through the site. It is very nice to hear from you.

Zodiacs are used to transfer the students from the ship to the shore excursions.

Anyone interested in following the Students on Ice Antarctic expedition on a daily basis can do so through a special web page. In addition to the student journals, there is a route map, additional photographs and interesting background material. The students are also looking for feedback and notes from friends and acquaintances. The website is located at *www.studentsonice.sympatico.ca*

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Sports

Ice Racing

The ice racing season will get under way this weekend, January 13 and 14, at the Minden Fairgrounds

Co-operative effort goal is to restore species long gone from the area

Wild turkey reintroduction program brings game birds to Somerville Township

by Jerry Grozelle

A viable wild turkey population will soon be just a few wing beats away from Haliburton County if the Ministry of Natural resources has its way. Ministry personnel have already released nine wild turkeys in Somerville Township over the past couple of weeks and at least another eight birds are expected in the near future.

The first four birds released in Somerville, just before the new year, were toms (males) which were live trapped with cannon nets in the Cambridge region. Last Friday, five hens, captured in the Maple district were released in the same area as the toms were a few days earlier.

The turkey transplanting operation is a co-operative effort. The partners include the MNR, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Wild Turkey Federation and corporate sponsors. The only cost associated with the local MNR office is the time spent by local personnel on the project.

The Provincial Turkey Committee had predetermined broad areas of suitable habitat. Satellite imagery and geographic information systems (GIS) were used to determine potential sites. Once suitable habitat was identified MNR personnel walked through a few potential sites to chose the best location.

Landowner permission was secured at three potential sites, but to date only one site has been used as a release point.

Dave Johnson, one of the MNR personnel involved in the project, explained the criteria for suitable habitat. An ideal location includes proximity to crop land such as corn or grain, cattle operations, a year-round open water source, dense conifer bush for cover and oak and beech forests which provide a mast (acorns and beech nuts) crop.

"Turkeys also prefer large white pines to roost in," Johnson said, adding that ideal snow conditions should not exceed 10 inches for extended periods of time.

Of the nine turkeys released to date, the largest was a tom weighing about 13 kilograms or more than 28 pounds. All of the males were mature gobblers. One of the five hens was an immature bird. Five gobblers and 12 hens would be the ideal ratio in a 17-bird transplant.

"All of the birds are trapped from surplus flocks in the south," Johnson said.

The goal is to establish a self-sustaining population and increase the range of the wild turkey in Ontario. A viable flock will provide viewing opportunities and, eventually, hunting opportunities if the project is successful.

Johnson said the plan is to apply for more birds next year.

Winter is the ideal time to relocate turkeys since they are easier to trap and moving them at that time of year is less stressful on the birds.

All of the turkeys that are being released in Somerville will be tagged.

WELCOME TO SOMERVILLE: Ministry of Natural Resources personnel Dana Kinsman, Scott Bird and Dave Johnson, left to right, released five hen turkeys in Somerville Township Friday afternoon. This is part of a wild turkey reintroduction program aimed at restoring turkey populations to areas of the province where habitat will support them.

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Haliburton Invitational this weekend

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

More racing action can be seen this weekend, January 13 and 14 at the Glebe Park race site. The annual Haliburton Invitational will start at 10 a.m. each day. The classic style is scheduled for Saturday, and the free (or skating) technique will be featured on Sunday. Keen local skiers will compete against skiers from around the province in a variety of categories for all ages. It is not uncommon to see skiers who are over 60 challenging themselves along with younger competitors.

Remember, this is a race against the clock and only when all skiers have finished is a final ranking established. This year we are also expecting a large contingent of university skiers who are using the race as a qualifier for their championships later this year. This means that we'll be treated to some fine displays of strength, speed and power.

We are all aware of the benefits of exercise -- pretty well everything in life improves when you get active. Skiing is a great way to get exercise, but it also is a great way to cut down on life's petty annoyances. Of course, getting out into the woods is a great way to clear the head, but I've found that it can also clear up annoying little tasks.

Take telephone calls, for instance. Perhaps you have a small matter to clear up with a friend. Perhaps you'd like to extend an invitation, clarify a piece of business, arrange a meeting or just say hello. Using the telephone is one way to get this done, but then you have to deal with busy signals, the inevitability of answering machine tag or perhaps you simply get no answer.

I have a better way: procrastinate until you see your acquaintance on the ski trail. With so many skiers out on the trails these days you really stand a better chance of contacting your friend on skis rather than on the telephone. Spend more time on your boards and it's just a matter of time before you meet your friend and clear up that little matter.

The only downfall of this method of communication is that not everyone spends enough time on skis. Too many people are wasting their time trying to call their skiing friends on the telephone! Don't fall into this trap!

If you are not currently a ski club member, then you're missing out on a whole lot of fun, efficient communication and the best deal on skiing in the free world. A season pass is a stunningly cheap $60, or $110 for the whole family. Call 448-3954 for more information from Pat Cummings, our friendly membership secretary.

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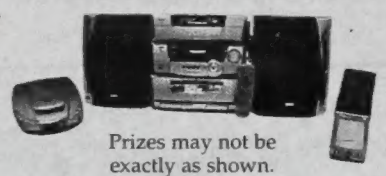

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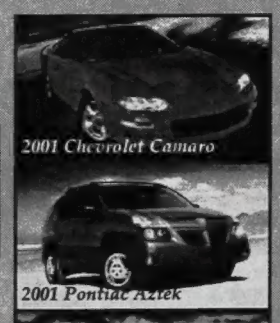

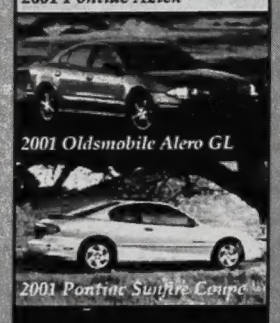

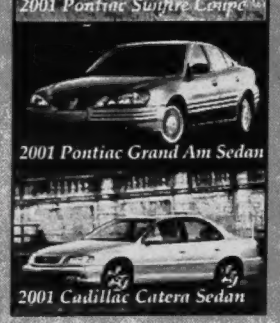

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Resident repeats call for Irondale dump investigation

by Matthew Sitler

An investigation into the operation of the Irondale landfill site was referred to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for action prior to Christmas.

The application, filed by Snowdon seasonal resident Dr. Lee Jasper, cited numerous alleged contraventions of the Environmental Protection Act's (EPA) General-Waste Management Regulation # 347.

The complainant, who owns property north of the landfill, requested for the investigation - his secondsuch request in three years. He cited the continued stockpiling of contaminated automotive waste and its use as the sole cover-material at the Irondale landfill site for the past three years as the reason for those requests. The supposed lack of bi-weekly coverage of the municipality's waste, as required by Regulation 347 of the EPA, and that landfill's Certificate of Approval (C of A), as well as a general lack of proper supervision of the site by MOE staff are other reasons for Jasper's application.

"There have been four different Consultant's reports - each of them had rather unhealthy information in them," said Dr. Jasper last week. He is currently waiting to see if the MOE's most recent investigation found the need to 'put teeth', to his latest complaint.

"The Irondale C of A says that the waste has to be covered every two weeks. It wasn't covered for a period of about six months. That's a bloody breach of the law... if you or I did that, we'd be charged," he stated. The six month period Dr. Jasper refers to occurred prior to May, 2000. That's when the last site inspection of the Irondale landfill site was completed by MOE staff and, according to a letter addressed to Jasper by Environment Minister Dan Newman, the May inspection showed that the Municipality of Snowdon had "improved the operation of the site since the last inspection, including the regular application of cover material." Lack of proper coverage allows the uncontrolled entry of precipitation into a landfill, result in uncontrolled leaching around it.

Jasper contends that the MOE may have "seized the township records that would have verified this lack of coverage."

In 1997, the MOE approved the importation of Automotive Shredder Residual (ASR) to be used to cover municipal waste - Jasper says there is a twist to this also. "We were assured in 1997 by the Township's consultant that this ASR would be integrated into the waste, used up and covered," he said. "What has happened, is this has been used as cover material for the last three years - it's not cover material, it's waste."

Dr. Jasper say's his application should be reviewed by the Peterborough MOE District Manager. "Keep in mind, we are dealing with the same circumstances as we were in 1997," says Jasper. "Out of that we had a review, and an investigation where basically, they were told to pull their socks up and obey the law."

ASR is purportedly recommended as a temporary top-cover. Jasper says his Webster's dictionary defines the words temporary and permanent differently.

"It has not been used as temporary top-cover. We were told that ASR could not be brought in and stockpiled without great environmental regulation concerns. Well, three years? That sounds like stockpiling to me.

"We're talking tires, car and truck batteries - that stuff's not supposed to be there," Jasper concludes.

Minden Hills Reeve (and former Snowdon Reeve) Ross Rigney says Jasper's complaint is biased and uncalled for. "This is about the third time he's brought this up," said Rigney. "It's old stuff." The Reeve said that Snowdon township had gone through a hearing where the MOE explained that ASR was not a dangerous product. "The reality is that we normally would have put sand on as cover material - it has

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MIXED LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: After an exciting evening of curling, the mixed league play-off champions received The Times Trophy Friday night. League Convener Pat Woodcroft, right, presented the hardware to skip Gord Wood. Other members of the team include, from the right, vice Melanie Vigrass, second Doug Brohm and lead Kim Wood. The Jack Taylor rink took the consolation series. His team included Winn Taylor, Jim and Marilyn Burrows.

League champions

The Pat Woodcroft foursome was the Thursday Night Mixed League champion as the first half of the season concluded at the Minden Curling Club. Convener Harvey Kivela , left, presented the winners with the Howard Scott Plumbing Trophy. On hand for the presentation were, from the right, lead Wendy and second Al Aubrey and skip Pat Woodcroft. Absent was vice Ruth Wilson.

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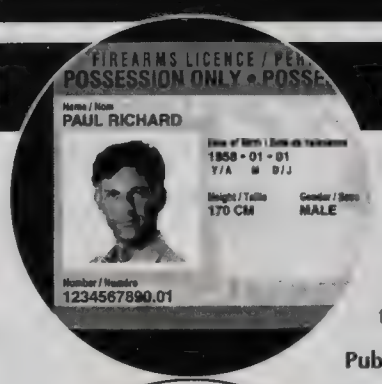

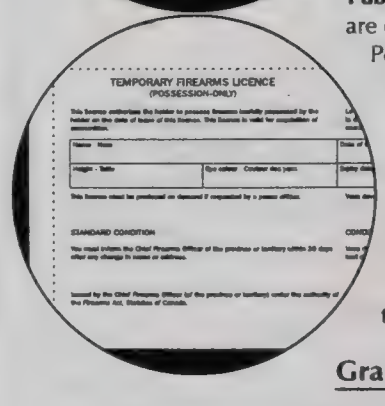

An update on licensing

Temporary licences issued to meet demand

To comply with the *Firearms Act* requirement for firearm owners to have a licence as of January 1, 2001, Canadians sent in their licence applications in record numbers. To meet this demand, temporary licences are being issued to eligible firearm owners.

Public safety remains the cornerstone of the firearms program. Temporary licences are only being issued to those who are successfully screened against Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) databases. And, like all other firearm licence holders, those with temporary firearms licences will be continuously screened against police databases.

These public safety checks conform to the *Firearms Act* and keep firearms away from those who should not have them.

Temporary licence holders are not permitted to acquire firearms. However, they will be in legal possession of their firearms and they will be able to get ammunition. Temporary licences are only valid until June 30, 2001 or until those eligible receive their five-year licence.

Grace period introduced

Firearm owners who applied for their licence before the deadline will not be penalized if they did not receive their licence by January 1, 2001.

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Haliburton men fined $2,300

Two Haliburton men have been fined a total of $2,300 for illegal deer hunting.

Christopher Coumbs, 31, was fined $1,600 and had his hunting licence suspended for one year after he pleaded guilty to shooting an antlerless white-tailed deer without a proper validation tag, using another person's tag and possessing an unencased crossbow after dark. Coumbs also forfeited his crossbow and the deer meat to the Crown.

David Johnson, 38, was fined $700 for possessing the illegally shot deer and for using his antlerless tag on an illegally shot doe.

The two men appeared before Justice of the Peace D. Jackson in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on January 4.

The court heard that Coumbs was not licenced for antlerless deer when he shot and killed the doe with a crossbow near Haliburton on November 29. Coumbs left the deer where it fell and went to Haliburton Village where he met with Johnson, who had an antlerless deer tag for the wildlife management unit (WMU). The two returned to the kill site, illegally tagged the deer and were in the process of transporting it back to Haliburton when they were stopped by Conservation Officers.

It should be noted that party hunting is permissible, but the person with the antlerless tag must be hunting with the other party when an animal is taken.

Conservation Officer Steve Murray pointed out that Johnson was at work in Haliburton when Coumbs shot the deer.

This wasn't the first time Coumbs was caught using an improper tag. Murray said that Coumbs paid a fine in 1999 for using an antlerless tag from another wildlife management unit. Antlerless deer tags are not transferrable from one WMU to another.

The fines will go to the Fish and Wildlife Special Purpose Account to help pay for fish and wildlife management activities.

Anyone who observes a fishing or hunting violation is asked to contact a local conservation officer or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Clarification

Following up on last week's report of a car fire: Dan Garbutt did notify the fire department before attempting to extinguish the car fire last week. The extinguisher he used worked, but he said that he couldn't get close enough to douse the flames.

Economy high on council's list of priorities for coming term of office

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"I, as a businessman, have my life investment here and I want to see good things happen in Minden Hills," he said.

Councillor Peter Oyler said it was an honour and a privilege to represent Ward 1, especially since he is a relative newcomer. "I look forward to working with the people of Minden and the staff of the Minden Hills government," he said.

He said it will be a trying and challenging time.

With regard to economic development, Oyler said, "We have to look forward in that regard, but at the same time we have to be cognizant of the assets we have and the needs of both the permanent residents and the seasonal residents. It is a combination of these two groups that gives Minden the viability that it has."

Councillor Bill Valentine said he expects things to get better in the new municipality. "We're all committed to making Minden Hills work," he said, adding that, with the help of the public, it can be done.

Councillor Ingram Wessell said one of his main interests is the economy of the area. "I'm sure I'll be seeing industry move in here," he said. He suggested offering tax incentives to draw industry can have benefits that outweigh the lost tax revenues.

"If any of the people have a problem and need somebody to give a calling down, give me a call," he said.

Councillor Ron Buchanan, in an uncharacteristic move, declined to comment.

Councillor Bill Obee was unable to attend the inauguration because he was out of the country on a prior commitment. He will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

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Ceremony completes northern marriage

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noted that she has a very knowledgable and capable council with which to work.

"This Council is also very confident that we have a great management team and staff in place that are dedicated to the future of Sherborne and Stanhope et al," she said.

During her campaign, Harrison often spoke of the amalgamation as a marriage, but acknowledged Thursday that there were no such things as fairytale endings.

"Well, there is going to be no fairytale municipality either," she declared. "Its going to take a lot of hard work on the part of this council to make this new municipality what we are expecting it to be. After today, we will be facing the hard work with our first council meeting tomorrow." Challenges facing the municipality could be lessened by community assistance, she continued, "in order that we will be competitive with other municipalities."

"Personally, I don't have any magnificent plan to give to you today," she stressed. We all know, said Harrison, that we must encourage and help tourism to grow while at the same time trying to attract clean industry to our area. One of our greatest assets is our airport," she continued, "and the new council is already committed to updating the master plan. Hopefully, with this information, we will be able to convince the County of the value of our airport in economic development so that partnerships can be formed and we can aggressively pursue businesses and/or light industry to locate in our area."

Waste-management issues will be looked at very carefully by council in the new year, she said. "Do we change our Certificates of Approval? If so, how many do we change? How will we operate? It is my hope that the County will become much more involved in waste management in order for the municipalities to work more efficiently and, of course, we must continue to reduce, recycle and reuse."

Saying she was prepared to face the challenges that will come with the next three years, Reeve Harrison acknowledged that because of her 'Great Municipality,' Council is very fortunate they are beginning the new political term virtually debt-free. "It is my hope we will remain that way," she concluded. "I am not a believer of spending money that we do not have."

Elected to represent the best interests of the whole municipality, the new Council pledged to uphold the interests and wishes of its constituents. Walking that fine line of knowing what is best for the municipality as a whole, even when it clashes with individual residents viewpoints, is now their task. If the spirit of Harrison's inaugural speech is any indication, it is a task they appear to have taken very seriously.

Nomination of Deputy Reeve Don Shortreed

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of the Deputy Reeve. This was an appointment by by-law and based upon the best interests of the new municipality.

Following some congratulatory words, Don Shortreed was appointed to the position by Reeve Harrison. "It would be the good idea if the Deputy Reeve came from the northern end of the municipality," said Harrison. "We are trying to make sure that all areas are reached and represented Having spoken with each individual council member, we have agreed to make Don Shortreed the Deputy Reeve."

Kerri Locke and Tom Gardner, sign the declarations making them Councillors of the new municipality of Sherborne, Stanhope.

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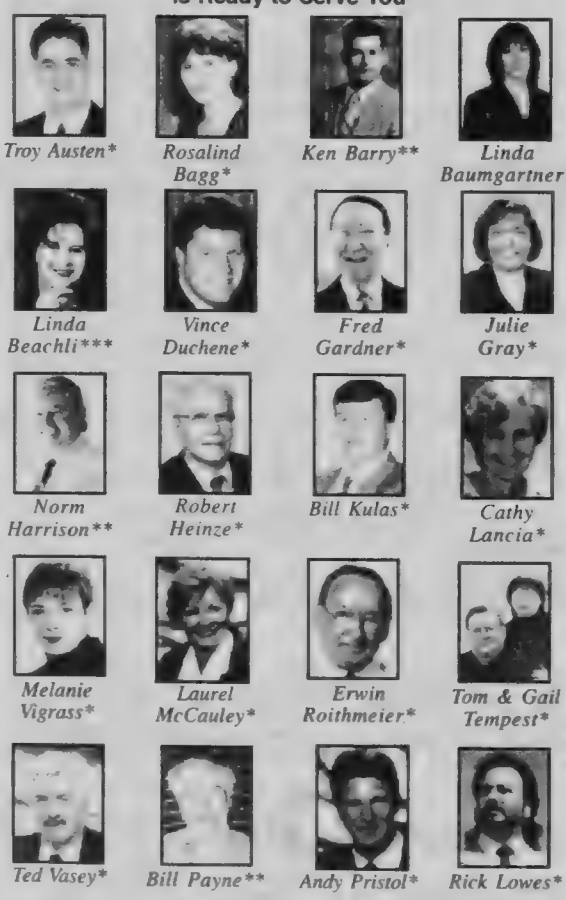

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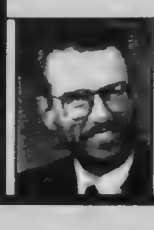

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SnowFest gets nod from new council

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Councillor Peter Oyler also endorsed the project, saying the municipality should support it financially as well as provide the insurance coverage needed for the event. He noted that by making it a municipality sponsored event, it would come under the community's insurance coverage.

In addition to the closure of the Main Street for the day, the council agreed that the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Public Relations committee would assist in co-ordinating the municipality's participation.

Full day of events

While Beaulieu is still working on the schedule, the following events have been tentatively planned for Minden SnowFest on February 3:

- A snowman building contest
- A chilli cook-off, open to individuals and service clubs
- Dart tournament at the Dominion Hotel (contact Trudy at 286-6954)
- Kids' games (snowshoe races, egg toss etc.) and sliding hill at the arena
- Baseball tournament at the ball diamonds behind the arena
- Pancake breakfast at the Legion Hall
- Fishing derby on Gull Lake
- Snowmobile Poker Run
- Karaoke competition on the Main Street
- Dance at the Dominion Hotel
- Snow Queen and King Contest (still in the planning stages)
- Shuttle service provided between venues by Minden Taxi
- The Minden Skating Club Meet To Skate and Minden Curling Club's Businesspersons' Bonspiel are already scheduled for the weekend.

Watch this newspaper for a calendar of events and more details in the weeks to come.

(Beaulieu is looking for volunteers to assist with the organizing of various aspects of Minden's SnowFest. Anyone interested in helping is invited to contact him at 286-4950.

Snowmobile burns

Police investigated an incident on the snowmobile trail near Lochlin in Snowdon Township. A 1985 Polaris caught on fire while the driver was travelling along the trail.

An officer from the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment while on routine patrol noticed the fire and attempted to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher without success. The Minden Fire Department was called. The snowmobile was not salvageable and the cause of the fire is beleived to be mechanical.

There were no injuries as a result of the incident.

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Winter conditions tough on census takers

Bird numbers impressive

by Dennis Barry

Although weather conditions were less than ideal for this year's census of wintering birds, the results were surprisingly good. Wind, poor light condition, and a late-day freezing drizzle made identifying birds a challenge. Deep snow kept observers from venturing far from roadways or maintained trails.

Cold weather during most of early December meant that even the largest lakes were ice-covered. Most waterfowl had left Haliburton County by count day and those that remained were concentrated along the Gull and Burnt river systems where strong currents kept the water from freezing. Hardy waterfowl that can find food in these shallow waters include Black and Mallard ducks and Canada Geese that feed by "tipping up" to reach food at or near the bottom, and mergansers that dive for small fish. Numbers, even of these species, were much lower than usual.

For the first time in 18 years no Common Goldeneyes were found. Other water birds usually found on this count, but absent this year were Common Loon, Herring Gull and Belted Kingfisher. Surprisingly, a Great Blue Heron remained along the Drag River just downstream from Scott's Dam.

Thirteen birders, the same number as last year, braved the elements to search the woods and fields. The forty-five observers who kept watch at their feeders and in their yards were probably more comfortable, but reported fewer birds were visiting their feeding stations that day as well. However, they found four kinds of birds not seen by those out searching. These were Bald Eagle, Cedar Waxwing, Common Redpoll and Evening Grosbeak. Many folks reported Common Ravens visiting their yards in search of food, no doubt a result of the deep snow covering what food normally would have been available in the wild. While four hawks were seen, only the Red-tail at the garbage dump north of Minden was observed closely enough to be positively identified.

Of the many land birds found in Haliburton County throughout the year, only four (I suppose five if you include Ruffed Grouse) have triangular crests created by feather patterns on their heads. Surprisingly, all of these species, including Ruffed Grouse, were seen on December 16. Two Northern Cardinals were found in Minden and one in Kinmount. Blue Jays were present in record numbers, a total of 845 compared to 262 last year and nearly double the previous high of 478 in 1996. Two species of waxwings are found in Haliburton County. Both are primarily fruit eaters for most of the year, although, when the young are small, insects are also a major part of their diets. Both have sleek plumage with very neat appearances. Cedar Waxwings are slightly smaller and have whitish feathers on the underside of the base of the tail. Two were reported from Kinmount. In winter they often feed on mountain ash berries and flowering crab fruit. They usually travel in small flocks of up to twenty-five to thirty individuals. They nest here in summer. In fall, they often perch atop dead trees near water, flying out to catch passing insects such as dragonflies. Bohemian Waxwings are slightly larger and darker in colour with rusty feathers beneath the base of the tail. They tend to travel in larger flocks and feed on winterberry, the bright red fruit on small shrubs in low damp areas, as well as on mountain ash and other fruiting shrubs.

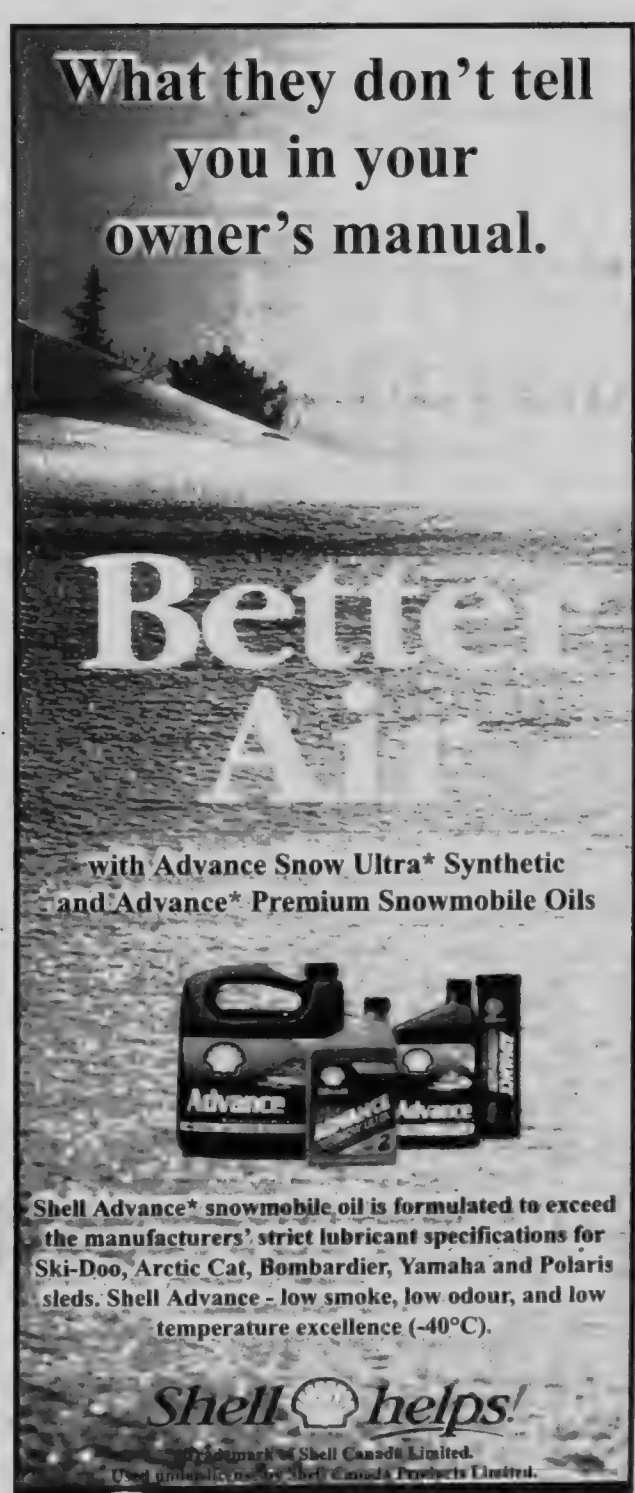
They are summer residents in the Yukon and Alaska, and visit our area only in winter. A flock of 30 was seen in Minden and a flock of 65 was spotted near Gelert.

Once again, thanks to everyone who made this Christmas Bird Count a success. If you have information to add, but haven't sent it in yet, there is still a little time before the count has to be finalized. You can e-mail me at *dbarry@interlinks.net*, phone me at (905) 725-2216, or write me at Thickson's Point, R.R.2, Whitby, ON L1N 5R5.

Also, a summer project known as the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas will be getting under way in the spring of 2001. It will last for 5 years and will attempt to determine what birds are nesting in various parts of the province. For the purpose of this project, the province is divided into 10 kilometre squares and surveys are done within each square to determine what birds are found there.

Ed Poropat (*edporopat@halhinet.on.ca*) 457-3018 is coordinating the collection of data for this project for Haliburton County. Your help would be invaluable in determining what birds are present in your neighbourhood in summer. More detailed information will be available later in the winter about this, but spread the word and contact Ed if you are interested in getting involved.

The following is the count of birds seen during the census on December 16: Great Blue Heron 1; Canada Goose 22; Wood Duck 1; American Black Duck 1; Mallard 95; Mallard X Black 1; Hooded Merganser 4; Common Merganser 15; Bald Eagle 1; Red-Tailed Hawk 1; Ruffed Grouse 21; Rock Dove 85; Mourning Dove 135; Downy Woodpecker 71; Hairy Woodpecker 103; Pileated Woodpecker 6; Northern Shrike 3; Gray Jay 15; Blue Jay 845; American Crow 53; Common Raven 273; Black-Capped Chickadee 1736; Red-Br. Nuthatch 123; White-Br. Nuthatch 77; Brown Creeper 11; Crowned Kinglet 33; European Starling 167; Bohemian Waxwing 95; Cedar Waxwing 2; American Tree Sparrow 143; Dark-Eyed (S.C.) Junco 117; Snow Bunting 47; Northern Cardinal 3; Purple Finch 7; Red Crossbull 10; W. - Winged Crossbill 56; Common Redpoll 1; Pine Siskin 37; American Goldfinch 1325; Evening Grosbeak 25; House Sparrow 33.



Reeve says dump is properly managed

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saved us money using this waste." Rigney said the Township was allowed to continue its use of ASR as a waste-covering material - that it was not strictly to be used only temporarily. "The way the MOE has cracked-down on these sites in the past few years - if we had anything going which was illegal, everybody would know about it," he said.

Snowdon's former Reeve said the MOE required that the township cover its waste more ferequently and that this has resulted in a dump-site which is two-thirds cover, one-third garbage. "It's been a very public thing, we've even had the water-monitoring done and it's come out very well," he stated.

"Maybe for one week, the guy never covered it," he concedes. "We had other people living out there who were concerned about that waste (ASR), but we've allayed their fears." As for other alternatives, such as top soil, which could be used as a cover, Rigney responded that the cost of such an alternative would be an issue. "I don't know how much of the ASR we even have left, we might be at the tail-end of it," he said. "Where we have found car tires, they have been set aside and will be disposed of in our normal way. Some of it's buried, but actually, we have used some of the tires to build-up some of the walls around the dump so that we have a better drive-in area."

Snowdon's former Clerk Ernie Hills echoed Rigney's sentiments, but stated there were areas the MOE has identified in its most recent investigation regarding the Irondale landfill, that need to be fixed. "The Ministry has done a complete investigation," he confirmed. "I believe we missed one date in the summer where we were required to cover the garbage. We went back and reviewed the invoices with Crue Construction who have the contract to do the work, and there was one date we have missed."

Hills said that the Ministry does not review with the Township the specifics of a complaint, and said he has no idea where Jasper got his six-month figure from. "The MOE simply reviews our operations and what we have done there. To the best of my knowledge, the Irondale landfill site is one of the best-run and best-operated sites in the County."

However, Hills said that under the site's C of A, they are required to put some snow-fencing up around the working area of the landfill, which, so far, has not been done. "We didn't do that simply because we felt that the bear population would have taken down the fences in any event, but it will now be taken care of as soon as weather conditions permit," he said.

As for the ongoing useof ASR as a cover material, Hills said this is approved by the MOE. "There were some tires, it was an issue at the time," recounts the clerk. "We don't believe there are a great number of them - the company is now defunct and there is no way to go back and follow up on them, so we are dealing with it," he continued.

"As they are found, we are pulling them out and they will be sent on to whoever is picking up the tires for the new municipality. I don't believe for a minute there are tons and tons of them."

For their part, the MOE says their investigation is not complete but they expect it to be within the next few weeks. Protocol dictates the ministry share its findings with Jasper before making them available to the public. "We are very close to completion," confirmed MOE Peterborough District Supervisor, Allan Oberholzer.

He reiterated that on December 13, 1996, the MOE amended the Irondale C of A to approve the importation and receipt of 6,000 tonnes of ASR for use as cover material. "There was not a condition with respect to how quickly or soon that material had to be used. We've approved it for stockpiling and use as a cover."

The ASR's danger to the environment - if any, will be addressed in the MOE's response to Dr. Jasper, said Oberholzer.

For the time being, it's business as usual at the Irondale landfill site. "Every step of the way, we've had the approval and sanction of the MOE," says Clerk Ernie Hills. "I don't know what else we can do to satisfy this guy."

Kinmount man dies of exposure

A Kinmount man, confined to a wheelchair, died of hypothermia on New Year's Eve.

The OPP were called on the morning of January 1 at approximately 9:30 a.m. after Bill McCluney was found in his wheelchair outside his residence on The Avenue in Kinmount.

The investigation revealed that the 39 year old Kinmount resident left his home shortly after midnight on January 1, in his motorized wheelchair. The victim was a paraplegic who lived with another family member. He proceeded down the ramp but tragically became stuck in the snow and was unable to move his chair.

A caregiver arrived at 9 a.m. and found the man. He was pronounced dead at the scene and transported to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay where a post mortem was conducted. The results of the examination were consistent with hypothermia.

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Thieves target trucks

The OPP received a report of two truck trailers taken from a gravel pit off of Shamrock Road in Ward 14 of Kawartha Lakes sometime since the 27th of December.

The investigation revealed that the two Float King trailers valued at $170,000 were removed by unknown suspects, obviously using a larger vehicle. The units are described as a 15 foot, three-axle trailer and a 43 foot long, six-axle heavy equipment type trailer. If anyone has information regarding this incident, please contact Kawartha Lakes OPP in Lindsay.

Vehicle theft in Monmouth Township

The OPP investigated the theft of a pick-up truck from Concession 4 in Monmouth Township.

A 1993 Sierra GMC 4x4, teal and grey in colour with licence plate number XZ9 32O, had been parked on the Esson Lake access road parking area overnight. The incident took place sometime between 2 p.m. on December 30 and 2 p.m. December 31. Broken window glass was found at the scene.

Anyone with any information is asked to please contact Haliburton Highlands OPP at (705) 286-1431 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-563-8477.

Break and enter in Guilford Township

On December 30, the OPP investigated a break and enter at a cottage located on Concession 13, near the end of Redkin Drive in Guilford Township.

The owner informed police that the cottage was last visited September 4 at which time it was secure. The investigation revealed that the garage had been broken into through a door located on the south side of the building. Stolen from the location were a Yamaha Warrior ATV, 3 chainsaws, Yamaha Outboard Motor, an air compressor and hose caddy, a large generator, a water pump, power washer, a circular, mitre and reciprocating saw, a socket set, and a green toolbox filled with good quality sockets, wrenches and various other handtools. Total value: $15,310.

It is suspected that at least two persons were involved in the incident, due to the weight of various stolen items.

Phone gone

A phone and radio were stolen from a Minden Taxi left in the parking lot behind the Dominion Hotel. The incident occurred on January 2, at 2:30 p.m.

R.I.D.E. Initiative

The OPP set up various R.I.D.E. programs at locations throughout Haliburton County. The statistics were gathered from November 29 to January 2, 2001: Vehicles checked, 1684; 12 hour suspensions 4; Other charges, 7; Total Motor Vehicle Collisions, 70; Personal injury motor vehicle collisions, 8; Property damage motor vehicle collisions, 62.

Note: These statistics do not reflect incidents dealt with seperate from the R.I.D.E. program. For example there were three arrests made for impaired driving during this time period.

December weather

by Phil Graham

	C	F
Average high	-8.8	16.1
Average low	-15.0	5.0
Average for the month	-11.9	10.5
Average for last December	-4.0	24.8
Highest temperature Dec.17	5.0	41.0
Lowest temperature Dec. 13	-28.5	19.38
Rain	20.4 mm	.8 in
Snow	110.0 cm	43.3 in
Total precipitation	130.4 mm	5.1 in
Total precip. for last December	80.2 mm	3.1 in
Snow on the ground Dec. 31	49 cm	19.2 in
Days mostly sunny	13	
Days with snow or rain	15	
Days with freezing rain	1	

That is it: the end of the year and the last month. December was different, especially compared to last December. The average temperature was -11.9 C (10.5F), so the month was 7.9 C colder than last December. The normal difference is 2 degrees C. Precipitation was above normal. Usually we get about 75 mm of snow and rain. This December we got 130.4 mm (5.1 in) of snow and rain, mostly in the form of snow. Winter started about November 15 and continues. The heaviest snowfalls were December 11 and 12 when we got 48 cm (19 in) in one day. The December "thaw" was December 16 and 17 with 20 mm of rain.

Caution should be exercised when going out on lakes. Heavy snow causes poor ice conditions. Check before you venture out.

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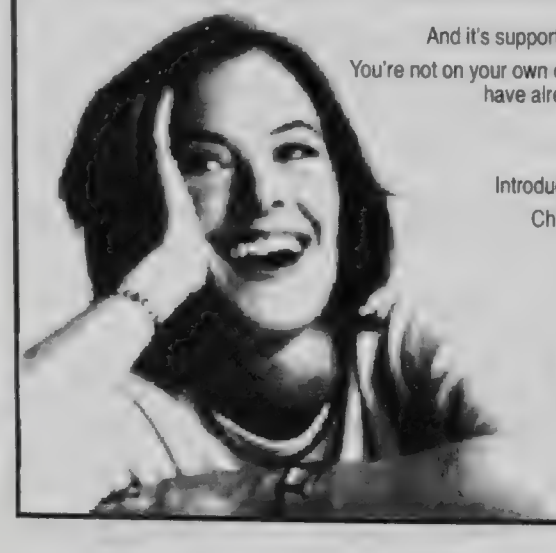
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Happy New Year to one and all!

Guess it's time to get back into our routine now that the holidays are over for another year. It's now time to tell you of our activities over the past few days.

Our last Tea Party of the year 2000 was much enjoyed. We celebrated the December birthdays and had a lot of fun participating in a general quiz.

The following day was our New Years Bash with the Grandfathers. What a wonderful time we had! There were some special visitors accompanying the Grandfathers. Ken and Ellen Hadley with their two children, Owen and Avory from the Kitchener-Stratford area. Ken is the son of Charlie and Jean Hadley and we were so pleased to have this family join us. Ken played guitar and Ellen the keyboard while the two children (approximately 12 and 13) step-danced. They also delighted us with their playing of the fiddle. What a talented family and our appreciation go to all of them for taking the time to share it with us. It made the afternoon very special. In fact, we're still talking about it.

We had another great time on New Year's Eve. We were told to expect the New Year's baby and, of course, we weren't quite sure what that meant. You won't believe this, but this "baby" appeared in traditional garb, diapers and sucking a bottle. There was a great roar of approval and lots of laughter greeting the special guest. Pictures were taken so we would know we didn't dream the whole thing up.

Who was our New Year's baby, you ask? Our very own dear friend Dan Millard. What a good sport you are Dan! You provided us with a very memorable New Year, many thanks.

We must also thank our "Punch Lady" Pearl for giving of her time over the holiday season. Once more, many thanks to our dietary staff who provided us with such wonderful holiday fare. All in all, it was a great New Year.

The New Year began with Rev. Wicks joining us at Chapel on Tuesday. We enjoyed the service very much and thank him for coming.

That afternoon the craft group gathered once more and is now working on items for Valentine's Day already. This group, like the stores, is always having to stay one step ahead.

Yesterday our avid card players sat down to a couple of games. Marjorie partnered with Harold while Thelda and Margaret joined forces. We hear that Marjorie and Harold won two games.

Roy was assisting Nancy and Dana taking down the many, many Christmas decorations. Nancy and Dana send their thanks to Roy Nicholls and Harold Osborn. The help was much appreciated.

Once again, the weather played havoc with an activity. The Norland Hillbillies were unable to come last evening for our Pub Night. We weren't surprised as the wind sure was whipping around our home taking up the snow and flinging it everywhere. As one resident put it, "it wasn't fit weather to put out the dog."

A group from the Allsaw Pentecostal Church is expected to join us this afternoon for our Tea Party. We are looking forward to their visit.

Just a few announcements before we sign off.

Thanks Rob for the newest addition of our newsletter and calendar. We enjoyed reading all the trivia about the New Year's traditions.

Our January birthdays: Belated Birthday greetings to Elizabeth Ackerblade who celebrated on January 2 and Happy Birthday to Loretta Nesbitt who celebrated January 4. Upcoming birthdays: Lilian Harrison, January 7; Ruth Fiddler, January 12; and Rene McGoldrick on January 28. Happy Birthday we hope you enjoy your day.

Last but not least we would like to pass on this little poem.

Laugh a little - sing a little
As you go your way
Work a little - play a little,
Do this every day!
Give a little - take a little
Never mind a frown
Make your smile a welcome thing
All around the town!
Laugh a little - love a little,
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We have made it through the Christmas season, through the coldest December in ages, through a December with the most snow in ages and through the first year of the millennium. What an accomplishment.

It sounds like it was a good season for business over the holidays because of all this weather. Some folks drove over from Ottawa and I heard them explain that it was like a winter wonderland here. That particular morning it was so cold the trees were covered with ice, the steam rising from the river was so dense we could not see the other side and the deep snow was sparkling in the sunlight. It was also -25c !!

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A wee elf has reported a big act of kindness in our community just before Christmas. The Christmas Basket volunteers found they did not have enough presents for girls for all their baskets. They made a trip to Home Hardware to see if they could find some appropriate gifts within their budget. While they were looking and deciding, Linda Pentney asked if she could help. They explained their dilemma. Linda started putting toys in their cart, saying this would be great, and this, and this. The volunteers said their budget would not allow for so much. Linda answered they did not have to worry about their budget...this was on Home Hardware.

As if it is not enough, there are people will give of their time during the holidays helping those less fortunate than themselves. There are others who will also give in other ways from their generous hearts.

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Have you bought your series tickets for the Haliburton Highlands Concert Series? The first concert is on Saturday, February 17 and features Marc-Andre Hamelin, pianist.

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The Haliburton WinterFest is a go!!! It will be held February 2, 3,4. It will be held County-wide, which of course includes Minden!! There will be something for everyone!! In fact the slogan is ' ALL IN FUN AND FUN FOR ALL'!! A lot of people are putting a lot of effort to make this a great event. There is also a report elsewhere in today's paper about activities in the Minden area. We will keep you posted!! Mark it on your calenders!!

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Friends of Father George, Linda, Elizabeth and Mathew Elliott will be pleased to know that Father George will be consecrated a Bishop on Saturday, February 3 at St. James Cathedral in Toronto at 10:30 a.m.

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We are back in the swing. Kids back in school to-day!! I bet everyone is glad. I hope you all had a great holiday. I did. I don't have any particular Clement stories. He had a great time, but I find it is not a time to connect to grandchildren He was too busy with new toys. But it was a happy time. I loved being with them all. My family has new faces in it. We all seemed to have fun together!!

But, I also like being back in the swing!!

SCORING NEWS

Not all of you are back into your schedules but here are some New Year's scores and also some from before Christmas and New Year's. Also, a big apology to the Bid Euchre group in Stanhope. Somehow the scores from your December 13 night of cards didn't make it in that week's column. It must have not got saved and reproduced. Sorry!! I know there was a message in it about the fabulous dinner

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Tuesday, January 2: Bridge at Stanhope: It was a rousing start to the new year with five tables of players out for the afternoon. No slams were bid or made but there were good scores for the day. In first was Eddie Jones with 6480; second was Frank Jones, 5790; third, Mike Collins, 5540; and fourth went to Ross Fletcher with 5450, their trusty organizer. The magic number went June Branning. The rookie of the week award went to Leah Schlotter, who soundly out-played her grandparents. (By the way, Leah is in her early teens, but is showing great bridge skills already. Very courteous besides!!)

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Bid Euchre for Seniors at the Minden Legion: Pat Roussel, Gala Stamp, Verna McDonald and Marcel Roussel were the winners. Dorothy McElwain and Ruth Kellett won the draws. Esther Lee and Marcel Roussel with two won the moonshots.

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Wednesday, December 20: Bid Euchre at Stanhope: No moonshots. High scores went to Alvin Cowen, 240; Edith Burch, 248; Helen Windsor, 253; Garth Windsor, 255; and top score of 262 went to Bell Walker.

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Duplicate bridge at Parklane: North /South: in first with 59% were Maria Lehoczky and Judy Neimann. In second with 55% were Alex Mcleod and Kelly Metcalf. East/West: in first with 65% were Glen and Rita Lockhart. In second with 59% were Isabel Clee and Bill Sandford.

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Wednesday, January 3: Duplicate Bridge at Parklane: North/South: in first with 58% were Hal Beach and Nick Lehoczky. In second with 52% were Judy Neimann and Maria Lehoczky. East/West: in first with 60% were Kelly and Jacqui Metcalf. In second with 54% were Isabel Clee and Bill Sandford.

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Back at Bid Euchre at Stanhope with everyone eager to play cards again. On this the first night after the new year, Garth, Chris and Lottie each won a moonshot. High scores went to Rob Evans, 250, Lottie Ruttan, 255, Grace Bernard, 260, Helen Windsor, 269 and the highest to our one and only Ken Wallace with 306.

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On the same evening in Kinmount at the Legion, they were again playing Euchre. High and low women were Marg Viney and Cathy Whiteside. High and low men were Wib St. Thomas and Sally Taylor. Mary Wilkins won lone hands and Wib St. Thomas won the 50/50 draw.

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Thursday, December 21: Euchre at the Minden Legion: Most lone hands went to Iris Taylor and Roy McDonald. High scores were won by Verna McDonald and Pat Bailey while the lows went to Jean Scadden and Brandon D? Other prizes went to Georgina Parkes, Pearl Cowen, Carol Hill and Helen Skelding.

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So, on with our winter activities, cards and get-togethers being a good part of that. Wishing everyone good cards and good fun!!

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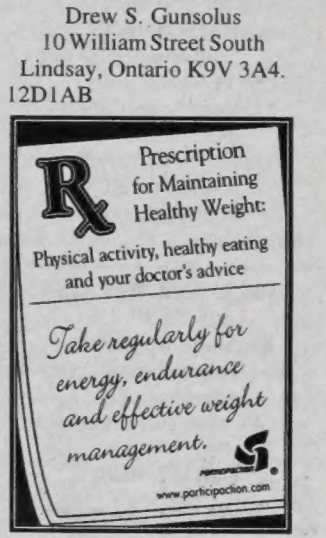

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AT REST

MATHIESON
John
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HEWSON
Camilla

At Extendicare-Haliburton on Tuesday, January 2, 2001 in her 102nd year. Beloved wife of the late Ernest Raymond Hewson. Loving mother of William (Bill) of Haliburton and the late Patricia Hewson. Predeceased by her parents William and Emily Richardson. Friends called at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday evening, January 4, 2001 from 7 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 8 o'clock. Interment later St. Mary's Cemetery, Walkerville. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

ELSTONE
Richard George
"Rick"

Passed away suddenly on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2001 in his 59th year. Beloved husband of Rhonda Elstone (nee Jones). Loving father of Karen, Reid and his wife Barbara-Anne. Dear brother of Vernon (Elizabeth), Margaret Dayholos (Ed), Jim (Bernice), John (Mary), Mary Gardiner (Don). Sadly missed by nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Son of the late George and Pearl Elstone. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton for a Memorial Service on Saturday, January 6th, 2001 at 1 p.m. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs). Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Hospital Ladies Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

WILSON
Herbert C.

Passed away peacefully at the Victoria Manor, Lindsay on Monday, January 1st, 2001 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of Olive (nee Cunningham). Dear father of Robert of Kinmount and the late Karen Watson. Dear father-in-law of Philip Watson of Oshawa. Loving grandfather of Linda and Craig Hargreaves, Greg and Cindy Watson and great-grandfather of Evan, Austin, Bryce, Brook and Isabel. Dear brother of Woodrow and Norma Wilson of Kinmount, Ethel Wight of Bowmanville and predeceased by Mildred and Edna. Fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Thursday, January 4, 2001 at 1 p.m. Spring Interment Kinmount Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Kinmount Baptist Church. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart & Stroke Foundation or to the Kinmount Baptist Church would be appreciated by the family.

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$2.99 all New Releases
99¢ Children's Videos as well as selected
$1.99 Manager Specials on great movies
All movies due back - 4:00 p.m. the following day!

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Wednesday is Seniors day
Persons 65+ receive
5% OFF ON ALL ITEMS
except Tobacco, Advertised Specials Movie Sales & Rentals

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In-Store Bakery
Tasty, fresh baked-goods daily

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Wide range of styles and price.

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New Releases Every Tuesday

Store Hours

Mon Jan 1	CLOSED
Tues Jan 2	8-6
Wed.	8-6
Thurs.	8-7
Fri.	8-9
Sat.	8-6
Sun.	10-5